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Roads in Eastern Bulgaria - Early October 1952

1. The dirt road from Simitli (N 41-53, E 23-06) to the Yugoslav border is 30 kilometers long and four to six meters wide. It was constructed by the Germans in 1944, is kept in good condition, and can support heavy tanks and trucks.
2. The road from Gorna Dzhumaya (N 42-01, E 23-06) to the Yugoslav border is about 30 kilometers long and four to six meters wide. It is paved and can support heavy trucks and tanks. A bridge of steel and concrete construction, single-lane, and about 60 meters long, is located over the Struma River at location N 42-01, E 23-03.
3. The road from Vratsa (N 43-13, E 23-32) to Botevgrad (N 42-54, E 23-47) is 65 kilometers long and six to eight meters wide. It is paved and can support heavy trucks and tanks. A steel and concrete bridge which has two traffic lanes and can support heavy trucks and tanks is located over the Iskur River at location N 43-08, E 23-42. The bridge is approximately 50 meters long.
4. The road from Vratsa to Vurshets (N 43-12, E 23-17) is approximately 30 kilometers long and six to eight meters wide. It passes through the villages of Glavatsi (N 43-19, E 23-22) and Dolno Orizovo (N 43-15, E 23-20). The road is paved and can support heavy trucks and tanks.
5. The road from Mezdra (N 43-09, E 25-40) to Byala Slatina (N 43-28, E 23-56) is approximately 60 kilometers long and six to eight meters wide. It is paved and can support heavy trucks and tanks.

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Kaolin Deposits in the Vratsa Area - 1949

6. In 1949, kaolin deposits were discovered in Vratsa Okoliya in the vicinity of the villages of Ignatitsa (N 43-04, E 23-36), Sverino (N 43-05, E 23-33), Otchin Dol (N 43-06, E 23-28), Rashkovo (N 43-00, E 23-37), Skrivena (N 42-57, E 23-46), Gürkovo (N 42-58, E 23-41), and Novachene (N 42-58, E 23-44). About 150 to 170 workmen are employed in each mine.
7. The kaolin is taken by ox-drawn wagons to the Sverino railroad station, from which it is sent to the Soviet Union or Rumania.

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The 2 Border Guard Otriyad

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1. As of July 1952, the headquarters of 2 Border Guard Otriyad was located in Simitli (N 41-53, E 23-06), Gorna Dzhumaya Okoliya, and included the following personnel:
 - a. Major Mavrov (fmu), commanding officer, from Logodash (N 41-58, E 22-57);
 - b. First Lieutenant Velichkov (fmu), [redacted] assistant chief of the Intelligence Sec 25X1;
 - c. Second Lieutenant Marazov (fmu), [redacted] assistant commanding officer; 25X1
 - d. Second Lieutenant Vutev (fmu), [redacted] 25X1
 - e. Second Lieutenant Tenev (fmu), [redacted] 25X1
2. Until March 1952, this unit was commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Vankov (fmu) [redacted] 25X1
 - a. The 1 Komandatura, with headquarters in Logodash (N 41-58, E 22-57), Gorna Dzhumaya Okoliya 25X1
2. The 2 Border Guard Otriyad is composed of the following units:
 - a. The 11 Komandatura, with headquarters in Logodash (N 41-58, E 22-57), Gorna Dzhumaya Okoliya

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b. The 2 Komandatura, with headquarters in Breznitsa, Sveti Vrach Okoliya;

c. The 3 Komandatura, with headquarters in Mikrevo (N 41-38, E 23-12), Sveti Vrach Okoliya; and

d. An Intelligence Section attached to the otriyad headquarters. 25X1

3. In July 1952, the 2 Border Guard Komandatura included the following officers: 25X1

a. Captain Velko Nedelkov, commanding officer, 25X1

b. Second Lieutenant Kunchev (fmu), assistant commanding officer, 25X1

c. First Lieutenant Nikolov (fmu), chief of staff, 25X1
(N 42-19, E 23-45) 25X1

d. First Lieutenant Iliev (fmu), political commissar, 25X1

e. First Lieutenant Dzhurov (fmu), commanding officer of the reserve company, 27;

f. First Lieutenant Borislav Vasiliev, chief of the Intelligence Section, 25X1
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g. First Lieutenant Mitev (fmu), serving in the Intelligence Section, 25X1

h. First Lieutenant Bozhilov (fmu) 25X1

i. First Lieutenant Zhechev (fmu), serving in the Intelligence Section 25X1

j. First Lieutenant Khristov (fmu), physician 25X1
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k. First Lieutenant Rikev (fmu), veterinarian 25X1

l. First Lieutenant Petur Vlakhov, in charge of the arms and ammunition warehouse, 25X1
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m. Sergeant Kiro Panchev, warehouse attendant 25X1

n. Sergeant Rizov (fmu), chief of supplies 25X1

4. The 2 Border Guard Komandatura is composed of the following zastavas:

a. The "Edelweis" Zastava, with headquarters in Debochitsa (N 41-52, E 22-58), Gorna Dzhumaya Okoliya;

b. The "Momina Sulza" Zastava, with headquarters in Suchostrel (N 41-58, E 22-58), commanded by First Lieutenant Stanev (fmu) 25X1

c. The "Temenuga" Zastava, with headquarters near the village of Gorna Sushitsa (N 41-49, E 23-04), commanded by First Lieutenant Petev (fmu) 25X1

d. The "Plamuk" Zastava, with headquarters in Breznitsa, commanded by First Lieutenant Popov (fmu) 25X1

e. The "Latinka" Zastava, with headquarters near Morarska (N 41-43, E 23-07), commanded by First Lieutenant Bonev (fmu) 25X1

f. The "Gabar" Zastava, with headquarters in Gorna Ribnitsa (N 41-40, E 23-02), commanded by First Lieutenant Angelov (fmu) 25X1

5. The Reserve Company of 2 Border Guard Komandatura has its headquarters in Breznitsa and is commanded by First Lieutenant Dzhurov (fmu). The Intelligence Section 25X1 of this komandatura has an office in Breznitsa commanded by First Lieutenant Borislav Vasiliev. In July 1952, the Intelligence Section of 25X1 3 Border Guard Komandatura, 2 Border Guard Otriyad, was commanded by First Lieutenant Ivanov (fmu) 25X1

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6. Until March 1952, Lieutenant General Yonko Panov was commander of all Border Guard units, at which time he was replaced by Colonel Vankov (fmu), from Pirvomay, former commanding officer of 2 Border Guard Otriayad (see Para. 1 above).

The 2 Battalion, 14 Infantry Regiment

7. In July 1952, the headquarters of the 14 "Pirinski" Infantry Regiment was in Gara Pirin (N 41-43, E 23-10). The regiment was composed of three battalions, as follows:

- The 1 Battalion, with headquarters in Nevrokop;
- The 2 Battalion, with headquarters in Sveti Vrach; until April 1951, the headquarters of this battalion was in Petrich; and
- The 3 Battalion, with headquarters in Simitli (N 41-53, E 23-06).

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8. In July 1952, the 2 Battalion was composed of approximately 500 men, the following officers serving in this battalion:

- Captain Karanfilov (fmu), commanding officer
- Captain Ilkov (fmu), assistant commanding officer
- Second Lieutenant Kitanov (fmu), chief of staff
- Starshi Leytenant Boris Kostov Setirov, adjutant
- Second Lieutenant Vasev (fmu), physician
- Captain Demirkovski (fmu), political commissar

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9. The 2 Battalion is composed of the following units:

- The 4 Infantry Company, with headquarters in Sveti Vrach, commanded by First Lieutenant Zhechev
- The 5 Infantry Company, with headquarters in Sveti Vrach, commanded by Second Lieutenant Stankov
- The 6 Infantry Company, with headquarters in Sveti Vrach, commanded by First Lieutenant Boris Velev
- An unidentified artillery battery, commanded by Captain Ruskov (fmu)
- An unidentified machine gun company, commanded by First Lieutenant Kiro Kostadinov Dimov
- An unidentified mortar company, commanded by First Lieutenant Vele Nikolov Dunkov.
- An unidentified antitank company, commanded by Sergeant Kiro Stoyanov Tolev
- An unidentified communications platoon, commanded by Sergeant Milushev (fmu)

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10. The 2 Battalion was equipped with the following weapons:

- The infantry companies, equipped with:
 - Soviet "Vintovka" 7.62 mm. rifles;
 - German "Mannlicher" rifles, remodeled in Bulgaria;
 - Soviet "Shpagin" 7.62 mm. submachine guns; and
 - Soviet 47 mm. mortars with a range of 500-600 meters.

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- b. The artillery battery, with 11 horse-drawn guns;
- c. The machine gun company, equipped with:
 - (1) German "Scharatz" machine guns; and
 - (2) Soviet "Maksim" machine guns;
- d. The mortar company, equipped with:
 - (1) German 80 mm. mortars, using a five-kilogram shell; and
 - (2) Soviet 125 mm. mortars, using a 12-kilogram shell with a range of approximately eight kilometers; and
- e. The antitank company, equipped with 18 mm. antitank guns with a range of approximately 1.5 kilometers.

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1. The rumors given below are circulating in Bulgaria concerning the arrests of 25X1 General Ivan Atanasov Kinov, former Chief of Staff of the Bulgarian Army, General Slavko Trunski, former commander of 3 Army, and General Todor Toshev, former Commanding Officer of 1 Army.
2. In September 1949, General Todor Toshev, then commander of 1 Army, ordered all units of 1 Army to take up positions in the Belasitsa Mountains (N 41-21, E 22-50) and to be ready for action on 28 September. On this date, General Toshev held a conference with his unit commanders at his headquarters in the Belasitsa Mountains and told the officers that he had received orders to attack Greece in order to help the Greek guerrillas to liberate the country. General Toshev gave the officers their orders for the attack which was to take place on the night of 28 September 1952.
3. Prior to the ending of this meeting, a DS (Dürzhavna Sigurnost; State Security) major and a DS captain arrived from Sofia and arrested General Toshev. The DS officers then ordered the unit commanders to return their units to their barracks within 24 hours.

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4. When interrogated by the Dürzhavna Sigurnost in Sofia, General Toshev "confessed" that he had received the order to attack from General Kinov and General Trunski. It was planned that the 1 Army would enter Greek territory and from there, with the help of the Greek Army and the Americans, it would launch an attack on Bulgaria. At the same time, General Kinov and General Trunski and their followers would overthrow the regime.
5. Following General Toshev's confession, General Kinov, General Trunski, and many other Army officers were arrested and, at their trial in Sofia, they confessed concerning their activity to overthrow the regime. Following the trial many Army officers were arrested or discharged in 1950 and 1951. Generals Kinov, Trunski, and Toshev are now serving sentences at Sliven Prison.

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1. The following fortifications are located in the Breznitsa (N 41-45, E 23-07)^{25X1}
Border Guard subsector:

a. A trench which starts at Ravna Bara (sic) and ends at Ala Borum Mountain (1606 meters) (N 41-46, E 23-04); another trench which starts at Breznitsa and ends at Ala Borum Mountain; the trenches are deep and in certain portions of them, men can fire from standing positions; these trenches are also equipped with machine gun emplacements; at Ala Borum Mountain, a bunker has been constructed at the junction point of the two trenches; defensive trenches are located around each of the guard posts; three other bunkers have been constructed behind the guard posts; a third row of trenches runs in the direction of Ushite Mountain, 1129 meters high, (N 41-46, E 23-07); trenches are also located west of the village of Gorna Sushitsa (N 41-49, E 23-03); in 1951, machine gun emplacements were built on both banks of the Struma River, starting at the Pirin train stop and ending at the Pirin Railway Station;

b. In the Kresnensko defile, from Krupnik (N 41-51, E 23-07) to the Kresna station (N 41-46, E 23-10), on the highway curve, there are four antitank, reinforced concrete bunkers; the three bridges over the Struma River in this area are mined; at the widest point in the highway, reinforced

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concrete blocks in the shape of a pyramid have been built and can be rolled onto the highway to form antitank obstacles; barbed wire entanglements are located along this border area from Logodash (N 41-58, E 22-57) to Gorna Sushitsa; plans were made to construct another line of barbed wire entanglements and to mine the area between the two; and

- c. The highway between the village of Breznitsa and Dzhama (N 41-46, E 23-00) is planted with antitank and antipersonnel mines; additional mines have been located between Height 1803 and Height 1748, for a distance of approximately three kilometers; the road leading from the village of Sukostrel (N 41-50, E 22-58) to the border is also mined.
- 2. All the bridges and tunnels located on the railroad line between Sofia and Vratsa are guarded by soldiers.

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1. During a 20-day period in June 1952, there were two large-scale train wrecks in Bulgaria. One of the wrecks, at Sverino railroad station (N 43-05, E 23-34), was between a passenger train from Sofia and a hospital train from Mezdra. The hospital train, which was actually transporting munitions and arms, was destroyed, as well as a large section of the railroad tracks. The Sverino station-master was sentenced to be shot by a firing squad. 25X1
2. In the second wreck, two trains collided, and the locomotives and cars were extensively damaged. The location of this accident was not known 25X1

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